

# HRA

<b>Meeting</b>	HRA Committee Meeting
<b>Date</b>	13 June 2024
<b>Time</b>	19.00
<b>Venue</b>	GLRFC
<b>Attendees</b>	Grant Bowden – Chair DiBs Bucknell – Treasurer - Apologies Ian Pickup – Hon Secretary Chris Royce – Safety and Welfare Matt Selwyn - Waterways and Open Spaces Kate Subryan – Entertainment - Apologies Wayne Subryan – Environment - Apologies Kiran Emery – Internet/Portal Sue Steggles-Cole –, Investments, Internet, Apologies Jen Caple – Investments - Apologies Mickey Thomas –Tech support, Apologies Jasmine Munford –Open Spaces Alban Luffman – Sustrans, National Cycle Network Meyrick Brentnall - Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Rob Mills – our representative at the Planning meeting to consider the detailed planning application for Hawthorn Park development Alan Grove – Eco Church Sarah Cook – Eco Church

- 1 **Minutes of previous meeting 2 May 2024**  
Grant proposed acceptance, Ian seconded. Approved. Kiran will publish them on the portal.
- 2 **Declaration:** No one is aware that they have any conflicts of interest over items due to be discussed in this meeting
- 3 **Opening Remarks:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Special thanks Alban Luffman and Meyrick Brentnall, who had come to give a presentation about a proposal for a new footpath around the former landfill site
- 4 **Treasurer’s Report:** The balance stands at £427.04. £100 is set aside for a social event. Grant has applied for ‘Build Back Better’ grant from Gloucestershire County Council via Pam Tracey. This has been approved but not yet paid. **Action DiBs to chase payment**
- 5 **Presentation by Alban Luffman –and Meyrick Brentnall - attached**
  - a) The proposal is to have a circular route around Hempsted. The first part of this is to convert what is currently a permissive path on land owned by Severn Trent (and used by them as an access point to the water treatment plant) converted to a public footpath connecting the end of Rea Lane to Sims Lane.
  - b) At the other end of the village, longer term work will be around Alney Island where there is defunct railway bridge (designed by Brunel) which might be bought back into use as a footbridge.

On a point of order, it was agreed that the HRA should support the proposals.

**Action: Grant to communicate this meeting with the residents via HVNB on**

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**Facebook. Action Grant/Investments committee member to write letter of support to the council**

- 6 **Feedback from the Council planning meeting**
- a) Rob raised points on the scale, layout and appearance of the estate
  - b) The safety of the 'Hempsted Bridge' junction from Secunda Way into Hempsted Lane. It is agreed by the Highways team that the present right turn arrangement will not be sufficient for the new development and a revised road layout with the outside lane towards Quedgeley being marked off as Right Turn only is proposed. Because no objections were raised at the appeal by Highways there is no condition that the developer will have to pay for this. Finding the budget is a consideration.
  - c) All the reserved matters have now been approved and published in the planning portal.
  - d) Grant gave a big thanks to Rob for his efforts in studying the vast quantities of material on the planning portal and for representing the HRA at the planning meeting on 6 June.
  - e) Grant added that a good relationship with Simon Hughes at Bellway had been established and he was hopeful this would lead to good communications over the 4 year build phase. **Action Grant to speak to Simon Hughes on first build phase.**
- 7 **Other issues.**
- a) **Portal:** Kiran has been looking at the present vehicle Notion and has concluded it is not very useful. WordPress. **Action: Kiran will create a mock-up to show additional functionality.**
  - b) **Volunteers: Action Sue Steggles-Cole with help from Jasmine** – The church has asked for volunteers. The HRA has agreed to set up a volunteers hub where organisations and helpers can come together. **Action Sue (informed via WhatsApp)**
  - c) The Eco church is having a website built and would like to link to HRA – **Action Kiran to facilitate**
  - d) **Safety and Welfare – Chris Royce:** Chris advised that some fires had been started by children. **Action Chris to enquire if Gloucester Fire and Rescue have a view.**
  - e) **Hempsted Swing Bridge- Jasmine to check if it is being resurfaced.**
  - f) **Manor Farm – Bellway development:** Adoption of the estate roads and the open space, and waste bins is delayed until the last property is sold on the development.
- 8 **Parish Magazine articles:** DiBs will provide an update on the cycle lanes for July magazine as all local work complete by then. Matt will provide an update on WRS in relation to Permali for August magazine. Jasmine will provide the article for the September magazine on volunteering.
- 9 **Date of Next Meeting:** 11 July 19.00 at GLRFC. **Note to DiBs to book**

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